

GOOSEBERRIES

Gooseberries are a beautiful addition to the landscape with pretty spring flowers, colorful berries, and handsome fall color. Typically they have striped, slightly fuzzy fruit, and thorny stems. Med-sized, tart berries, in shades of green, yellow, red, or pink are great for pies, cobblers, and tarts. They are high in vitamins A and C, as well as fiber and several minerals. Many of the newer varieties have smaller or no thorns, which makes harvesting safer. Gooseberries typically ripen in late June.

Varieties Expected for 2024

AMISH RED	A very productive, disease resistant variety yielding flavorful, red fruit. Upright habit, vigorous.
CAPTIVATOR	Very sweet, medium to large, pear-shaped fruit. Pink when fully ripe in late July. Thornless, vigorous and productive. Good disease resistance.
GLENDALE	Bred by the USDA in 1932 to push the southern limit of gooseberry cultivation. Vigorous, semi-erect habit to 6', with good heat & disease resistance. Delicious, dark red fruit.
HINNOMAKI RED	Tart-skinned variety with sweet, red flesh perfect for baking or fresh eating. Self-fertile, good disease resistance, ripens in July.
HINNOMAKI YELLOW	Petite, yellow-green berries are delicately sweet with a hint of apricot. Low growing bush is disease resistant and extremely hardy.
INVICTA	Vigorous, thorny shrub of spreading habit produces large crops of tart, green-white fruit. Great for baking, preserves, and fresh eating.
LITTLE BEN	Dwarf sport of Hinnomaki Red, at 2-3' t & w. Suitable for pot or bed. Productive variety with sweet, dark red fruit. Very mildew resistant.
OREGON CHAMPION	Bears heavy yields of med-large, pale yellow-green berries ideal for wine, jam, and pie. Originated in Salem, one of the best for the PNW.
ORUS 8	A recent black currant/gooseberry cross hybridized in Corvallis. Upright shrub with superior pest and disease resistance yielding med-sized, dark purple fruit with good flavor. Few thorns.
PIXWELL	Med-large, light green berries turn rosy pink when ripe. Flesh is juicy and high in sugar. Excellent for pies and preserves. Fruits hang in clusters below the branches for easy picking. Purple fall color. Mildew-resistant. Mid-season.
POORMAN	Huge berries turn green to burgundy when ripe, flavorful and sweet, best eaten fresh or in pies and jam. A classic considered by many to be the best variety.
WELCOME	Med-large, pink-red fruits are rich and juicy with sweet-tart flavor. Extremely productive and nearly thornless.

